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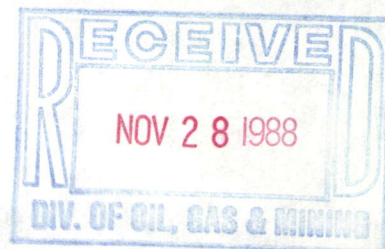
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November 17, 1988

Mr. Ed Phariss
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Re: Timberline Industries
Annual Inspection

Dear Mr. Phariss:

During an annual inspection of the Timberline Heap Leach Facility on 8 November 1988, the following was observed:

1. There were at least three (3) large holes of approximately two (2) feet in the minimum dimension in the process pond liner. The liner material was apparently blown back by the wind exposing the fill material beneath it.
2. The liner material between the process pond and the heap leach pad was observed to be deteriorated due to exposure to the environment.
3. A drum was observed on the concrete storage area that had a white solid material oozing from it. Other nearly empty drums, are on the premises and we have no knowledge of the original contents.

Based on inspection and no response to our 29 January 1988 letter, it is concluded that the project is inactive, and is visibly in a state of disrepair. It is apparent that the life of the flexible membrane has been exceeded. Thus, existing heap leach pad and process ponds may contaminate ground water.

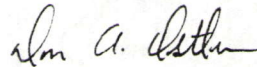
In light of the foregoing facts, Timberline Industries is hereby asked to submit to this Bureau a schedule for neutralization, and decommissioning, of these facilities within ten (10) days of receipt of this letter. Otherwise, further enforcement action will become necessary.

Mr. Ed Phariss
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Please call Mack Croft or Charlie Dietz at 538-6146 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Pollution Control Committee



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